

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2047 - HB 2263**

February 26, 2014

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the Educator Respect and Accountability Act of 2014. Prohibits the State Board of Education and Department of Education (DOE) from adopting or promulgating any rule, regulation, policy, or guideline that grants, renews, advances, restricts, revokes, or penalizes a teacher's license on the basis of standardized test scores or other statistical estimate that uses standardized test scores. Requires DOE to post an electronic complaint template on its website for complaints against licensed teachers. Sets forth the information the form shall include. Authorizes any member of the public to submit a complaint form to the Department. Complaints shall not be submitted anonymously. Requires the Director of the Office of Educator Licensing to determine whether probable cause exists for discipline against the teacher. If probable cause for discipline is determined, the director shall give notice to the teacher of the facts of the complaint and submit the complaint to the local board of education within 30 days. After receipt of the complaint from the DOE, the local board of education may take action in accordance with state statute.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$67,500**

Assumptions:

- According to DOE, the Department will not be able to utilize existing staff to manage the new system of public complaints, perform investigations to determine if probable cause for discipline exists, and make referrals back to the local board of education as needed.
- DOE will be required to employ one additional staff member to administer the provisions of this bill. The recurring increase in state expenditures for salary and benefits is estimated to be \$67,474 (\$55,000 salary + \$12,474 benefits).
- Any increase in state expenditures to change state rules, regulations, policies, or guidelines is estimated to be not significant.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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